

Project Data

Cold Brook Lake

The Dam

Type..... Rolled earth and riprap
Height 130 feet
Length 925 feet
Crest elevation ... 3,675 m.s.l. (mean sea level)
Maximum depth (normal pool)..... 30 feet

Cold Brook Lake

Drainage area above dam 71 square miles
Storage at maximum pool 10,800 acre-feet
Storage at normal pool 520 acre-feet
Normal pool surface acres 30 acres

Cottonwood Springs Lake

The Dam

Type..... Rolled earth and riprap
Height 123 feet
Length 1,190 feet
Crest elevation ... 3,955 m.s.l. (mean sea level)
Maximum depth (normal pool)..... 40 feet

Cottonwood Springs Lake

Drainage area above dam 26 square miles
Storage at maximum pool 11,635 acre-feet
Storage at normal pool 655 acre-feet
Normal pool surface acres 41 acres

More information available from:

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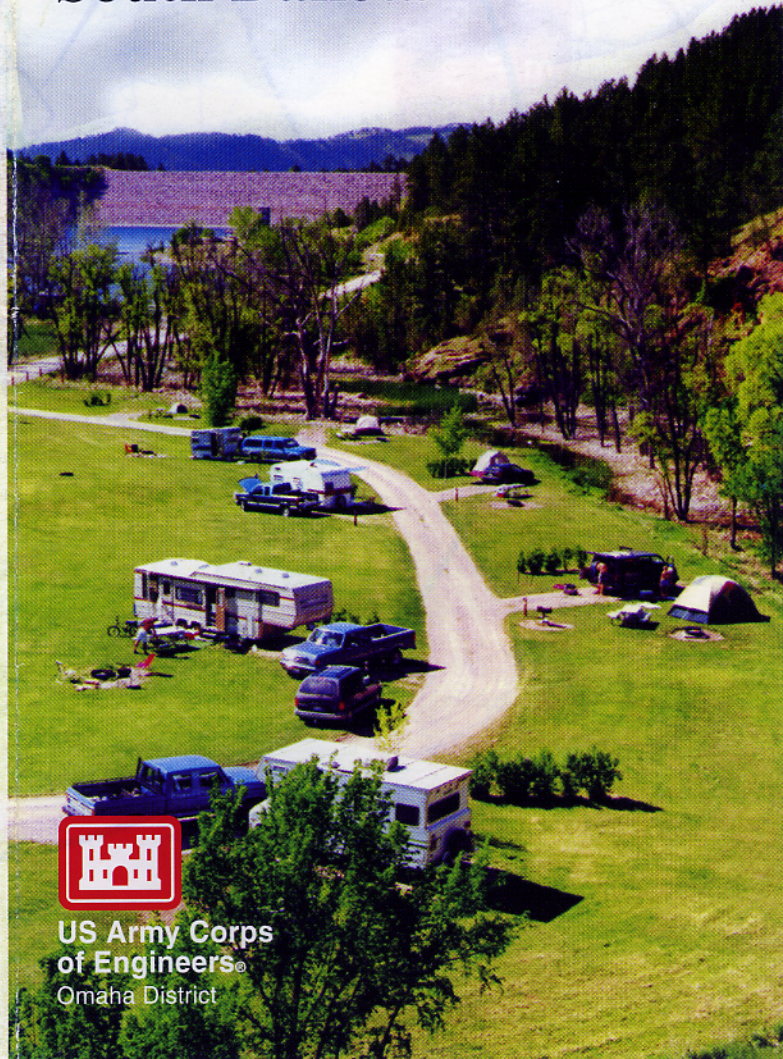
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Cold Brook Lake and Cottonwood Springs Lake Recreation Areas

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Welcome

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, welcomes you to Cold Brook and Cottonwood Springs Lakes.

The Flood Control Act of 1941 addressed the area's flooding problems by authorizing the construction of dams on Cold Brook Creek and Cottonwood Springs Creek. Although World War II delayed funding for the flood control projects, construction began on Cold Brook Dam in 1949 and was completed in 1953. Cottonwood Springs Dam was initiated in 1968 and completed in 1969.



Cold Brook Lake Recreation Area

Located less than one mile from the town of Hot Springs, South Dakota, Cold Brook Lake offers an excellent variety of recreational activities year round.

The crystal clear water provides excellent fishing for rainbow trout, large mouth bass and other pan fish.

Hot summer temperatures make canoeing, swimming at the designated swim beach, or sunbathing, all pleasant experiences

Wildlife viewing for large and small game, as well as bird watching, is an option year round, especially in the fall. The fall colors are spectacular and well worth a trip. In the winter, ice fishing, skating, and cross-country skiing are popular activities.

If you enjoy quiet camping, picnic lunches, or roasting marshmallows over a fire, this is the ideal place for you. Facilities are just a short walk from the swim beach and boat launch (only electric motors are allowed). A group picnic area is available through a Special Event Permit available at the project office.

Playground equipment is available near the swim beach. If you are interested in sharpening your archery skills, there is a range located near the spillway.

Cottonwood Springs Recreation Area

Travel five miles west of Hot Springs on U. S. Highway 18 and follow the signs to beautiful and serene Cottonwood Springs Lake. Rugged hills and evergreen trees flank this picturesque site in the southern Black Hills.

The small lake provides a quiet opportunity to wet a line and possibly catch a bass or pan fish. With a boat ramp available, small boats (only electric motors are allowed) or canoes can be launched for a peaceful ride.



Recreation facilities include a campground with playground equipment, picnic area, and boat launch. No hookups are available (it's back to nature here!).

The picnic area is near the water and large enough for community or family gatherings where picnickers can use a large, group shelter.

Hiking opportunities are endless and with such beautiful scenery, you might not ever want to leave. So come for a short visit, or stay a few days.



Cold Brook Lake and Cottonwood Springs Natural Resources

Cold Brook Lake and Cottonwood Springs Recreation Areas are typical of the southern Black Hills. Ponderosa pine trees line the hills, and cottonwoods tower above the streams and bottom-lands.

Mule and whitetail deer, red fox, raccoon, and coyotes use both sites for their homes. Golden eagles and turkey vultures sometimes soar overhead.

Deer, cottontail rabbit, and turkey hunting is allowed with bow and arrow at Cold Brook Lake in the wildlife area and at Cottonwood Springs Lakes outside the recreation areas.

The Corps of Engineers is committed to enhancing the wildlife habitat at both projects by planting food plots and working with the State of South Dakota in cooperative forestry management practices.



Safety

The Corps of Engineers strongly encourages you to observe all safety rules and regulations during your stay at either Cold Brook or Cottonwood Springs Lakes.

Drinking alcohol while swimming or boating is dangerous. More than 70 percent of all water-related deaths involve people using alcohol.

The safety advantage of using life jackets while on or near the water cannot be overemphasized.

Have a good time, and please remember to observe the safety rules so your visit and the visit of others will be a more pleasant and enjoyable experience.

